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## **Gordon Bergthold, FWD President**

### **President's House of Delegates Report Spring 2016**

It's the time of the year when we begin putting our plans into action and as this is my first report to the House of Delegates (HOD) I want to make sure that I cover the important issues. First, I'd like to express my gratitude to all of the district leaders, both at the chapter level and those in the district leadership. Without these men stepping up and volunteering to lead we'd have no one to follow.

The leadership training began on December 12, 2015 when Richard Lund, DVP of the NorCal East Division scheduled a mini-leadership day in Sacramento. Over 50% of the NorCal East and NorCal West Chapters were represented and Patsy and Richard are to be complimented for their efforts. This method of handling the leadership academy may prove to be an efficient and effective tool for future dates. However, this is yet to be discussed at the board level and we will report on the recommendations later in the year.

On January 8th and 9th the joint Leadership Academy/Harmony College West event was held in Henderson, Nevada with over 130 attendees and 45 faculty in attendance. According to several accounts it was a very successful weekend with good feedback from all who attended. Craig Hughes and Nick Papageorge, with a lot of help from Steve Salmon and others are to be congratulated for their efforts.

I have received a lot of discussion pertaining to communication between the district chapters and the FWD leadership and you can be assured that we are listening and attentive to your requests and inquiries. We are working hard to streamline the communication link between Nashville and your district leaders so that we can keep you, our main clients and constituents, apprised of any and all information pertinent to the successful operation of your chapters.

I urge you to read the HOD reports from your district leaders so that you are prepared for the House of Delegates meetings when they are held in the Spring and in the Fall. There is no better way to know what is going on in your district and the society than by reading the material prepared for publication and attending every meeting possible in your district.

We pledge service above self in our endeavors and communication will be the mantra in the future.

In Harmony,

Gordon "Mongo" Bergthold  
FWD President



## Craig Hughes, FWD EVP

### Executive Vice President's House of Delegates Report Spring 2016

I transitioned from the Vice President for the Southeast Division to your Executive Vice President on January 1<sup>st</sup> and now focus on supporting the District President and coordinating the management team. I look forward to advancing Mongo's goals and the initiatives stated in his report and thank the men of the Southeast Division for four years of on the job training.

2016 started out fast and effectively with our combined Harmony College West / Leadership Academy in Las Vegas. Your Leadership Academy offered seven classes taught by the District Management Team. It provided quality time for the Chapter Teams to learn from and collaborate with the District Team. The District Board recognizes our duty to support the Chapters with these types of events. Please make every effort to attend. The return on your time and treasure is great.

The Society Midwinter Convention was thrilling. This event is always special and having it in the Far Western District was a treat with The Youth Harmony Festival, Senior Quartet Contest, Harmony Platoon, Youth Quartet Contest, Harmony University Classes, and so much more. The Far Western District excelled at all levels. Here are just a few examples:

- **High Priority** – Senior Quartet Champions
- **Eclectones** – Youth Quartet Top Honors
- **Sounds of the Mouth** – Youth Chorus Top Honors

Special thanks to the host **Reno Chapter** and the Convention Committee Chairman (**Ken Martin**) for an outstanding job. The organization and care they provided to the attendees was recognized as "the best."

I was the Installing Officer at Chapter events in January. The three challenge questions I asked the Chapter Officers and Chapter Members pertain at the District level as well:

#### District Officers:

1. Do you promise to perform all the duties and responsibilities of the office to which you have been elected?
2. Do you promise to maintain open communication with the membership, accepting constructive criticism and suggestions with respect to the business and programs of the district?
3. Do you promise to be active in the district, to attend board meetings and to support the programs and projects developed by the board?

#### District Members:

1. Members, do you promise to actively participate in and support the district programs.
2. Do you promise to volunteer for and actively serve in appointed jobs, committees, etc., to the limit of your time availability?

3. Do you promise to provide constructive input to the board of directors and to support the officers in their efforts to conduct the business of the district?

The District Board and Management Team are here to serve and support the Chapters. Please keep the lines of communication open and use them often. We have resources to share and stand by to help in any way possible. One example is the support our Marketing and Public Relations Team (**Jerry McElfresh**, **David Melville**, and **Ray Rhymmer**) provides by publishing and maintaining a timely source of information and entertainment via the internet.

- FWD Website:
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- FWD Facebook:
  -
- Westunes (Official eMagazine):
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- Westags (Monthly Email update):
  - Delivered directly to your email inbox monthly.

District Contact information for the District Team can be found on the Website. Just click our names under the “about” tab “officers” and we will get right back to you.

Thank you for everything you do for your Chapter and the District.

In Harmony,



Craig Hughes, EVP  
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## Convention Schedule



# FAR WESTERN DISTRICT

## SPRING CONVENTION • LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

### MARCH 17-20, 2016 • SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



DESCRIPTION OF EVENT	START	END	LOCATION	ROOM
<b>Thursday, March 17, 2016</b>				
Contest Site Setup	7:00 PM	9:00 PM	Alexis Park Resort	Parthenon Ballroom
Harmony Platoon	9:00 AM	9:00 PM	Alexis Park Resort	Parthenon #5
FWD Board Meeting	2:00 PM	5:30 PM	Alexis Park Resort	Zeus A
FWD Board Dinner	5:30 PM	7:00 PM	Alexis Park Resort	Zeus B
Convention Registration	6:00 PM	9:00 PM	Alexis Park Resort	Main Lobby
FWD Board Meeting, continued	7:30 PM	11:00 PM	Alexis Park Resort	Zeus A
<b>Friday, March 18, 2016</b>				
Past Presidents Meeting	8:00 AM	10:00 AM	Alexis Park Resort	Board Room C
Convention Registration	9:00 AM	10:00 PM	Alexis Park Resort	Parthenon Foyer
Harmony Platoon	9:00 AM	1:00 PM	Alexis Park Resort	Parthenon #5
AHSOW	9:00 AM	12:50 PM	Alexis Park Resort	Boardroom A
Harmony for Lunch Bunch	11:30 AM	1:30 PM	TBA	
Chapter Coach's Meeting	12:00 PM	1:00 PM	Alexis Park Resort	Guest Room TBA
House of Delegates Meeting	2:00 PM	4:00 PM	Alexis Park Resort	Apollo Room 1-4
Sound & Lighting Check	3:00 PM	3:30 PM	Alexis Park Resort	Parthenon Ballroom
Dinner/Meeting for Judges	4:00 PM	5:15 PM	Alexis Park Resort	Parthenon #5
Doors Open	5:00 PM	5:30 PM	Alexis Park Resort	Parthenon Ballroom
Quartet Semi-Finals	5:30 PM	9:30 PM	Alexis Park Resort	Parthenon Ballroom
Quartet Photos (following performance)	5:40 PM	9:00 PM	Alexis Park Resort	Zeus B
Evaluations, Session 1 (Quartets not advancing)	10:00 PM	10:45 PM	Alexis Park Resort	Judge's Suites
Evaluations, Session 2 (Quartets not advancing)	10:45 PM	11:30 PM	Alexis Park Resort	Judge's Suites
<b>Saturday, March 19, 2016</b>				
Convention Registration	9:00 AM	7:00 PM	Alexis Park Resort	Parthenon Foyer
AHSOW	9:00 AM	9:45 AM	Alexis Park Resort	TBA
Doors Open	9:30 AM	10:00 AM	Alexis Park Resort	Parthenon Ballroom
Chorus Contest	10:00 AM	12:25 PM	Alexis Park Resort	Parthenon Ballroom
Chorus Photos (following performance)	10:10 AM	12:35 PM	Alexis Park Resort	Zeus B
HS Quartet Briefing	11:00 AM	11:55 AM	Alexis Park Resort	Apollo Room 2
HS Quartet Contest	12:30 PM	1:30 PM	Alexis Park Resort	Parthenon Ballroom
HS Quartet photos (following performance)	12:40 PM	1:40 PM	Alexis Park Resort	Zeus B
Judge's Luncheon	12:50 PM	1:30 PM	Alexis Park Resort	Parthenon #5
Chorus Evaluations, Session 1	1:45 PM	2:45 PM	Alexis Park Resort	Apollo 1-8, Athena or Zeus A
Chorus Evaluations, Session 2	2:50 PM	3:50 PM	Alexis Park Resort	Apollo 1-8, Athena or Zeus A
Judge's Dinner	4:30 PM	6:00 PM	Alexis Park Resort	Parthenon #5
Doors Open	6:00 PM	6:30 PM	Alexis Park Resort	Parthenon Ballroom
Quartet Finals	6:30 PM	8:30 PM	Alexis Park Resort	Parthenon Ballroom
Show of Champions	8:30 PM	10:00 PM	Alexis Park Resort	Parthenon Ballroom
HS Quartet Afterglow	10:30 PM	12:00 AM	Alexis Park Resort	Apollo Room 1 and 2
Evaluations (Finalist Quartets)	10:15 PM	11:00 PM	Alexis Park Resort	Judge's Suites
Afterglow	10:30 PM	12:30 AM	Alexis Park Resort	Athena Ballroom
Hospitality Rooms	10:30 PM	wee hours	Alexis Park Resort	TBA

## Minutes of the Fall HOD Meeting



### Far Western District Fall House of Delegates Meeting Mesa, AZ 2:00 PM Friday October 16, 2015

**President Allan Webb** called the Fall House of Delegates meeting to order at 1:32PM.

**Gordon Bergthold** led the delegates in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Russ Young** led the singing of the Star Spangled Banner.

**Ron Black** led the singing of "The Old Songs".

**Richard Lund** gave the Invocation.

**President Allan Webb** welcomed all of the delegates to the meeting and recognized past District Presidents, Board Members, and distinguished guests, John Donehower, Member of the Society Board, and Jim Clark from Harmony Foundation.

**Secretary Bob Gray** completed the Roll Call for Board Members and Chapter Delegates.

The following officers, directors, guests and delegates were present:

#### **Past Presidents (6 Voting)**

Lyn Brittan	1970-1971 (Absent)
Sam Barger	1984-1985
Terry Aramian	1986-1987 (Absent)
Chuck Hunter	1988-1989
John Krizek	2002-2003
Peter Feeney	2004-2005
Bill Cale	2006-2007
Bob Lally	2008-2009 (Absent)
Bernard Priceman	2010-2011
Russ Young	2012-2013 (non-voting)

#### **Board Members (11 Voting)**

Allan Webb  
Russ Young (Absent)  
Gordon Bergthold  
Bob Gray  
Max Bates  
Brent Anderson  
Craig Hughes  
Charles Feltman  
Richard Lund  
John Bloomquist  
Ron Black

#### **Chapter Delegates (30 Voting)**

1. D-002 Greater Phoenix
2. D-003 Tucson
3. D-005 Bakersfield
4. D-008 Santa Rosa
5. D-009 Placerville
6. D-013 Long Beach
7. D-019 Inland Empire
8. D-022 Palo Alto – Mountain View
9. D-023 San Diego
10. D-026 Bay Area
11. D-029 Visalia
12. D-042 Stockton
13. D-044 Prescott
14. D-046 Santa Fe Springs
15. D-049 Monterey Peninsula
16. D-051 Reno
17. D-052 Chico
18. D-055 Orange (Quartet)
19. D-056 Fullerton
20. D-057 Central California
21. D-058 Santa Monica
22. D-059 Fresno
23. D-066 San Fernando Valley

Nick Papageorge

**Distinguished Guests (non-voting)**

John Donehower, Society Board Member

Jim Clark Harmony Foundation

24. D-069 Mesa
25. D-075 Las Vegas
26. D-098 Folsom
27. D-101 Sun Cities
28. D-103 Rincon Beach
29. D-116 Brea
30. D-117 La Jolla

**President Webb** introduced the 2014 District Quartet Champions “American Pastime” who accompanied Bob Gray’s reading the Memorial to Departed Members. Those members added to the “Chapter Eternal” are:

**2014 – 2015 Members of the Chapter Eternal**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Date Deceased</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>State</b>
Norman Shute		San Marcos	CA
Lorenzo Spain	09/19/15	Mesa	AZ
William Inskip	8/10/2015	Eureka	CA
Delbert Sponsler	8/10/2015	Eureka	CA
Howard Bennighoven	8/10/2015	Zenia	CA
Allan Strom	8/10/2015	Fortuna	CA
Lynn Grubb	7/26/2015	Prescott	AZ
Angelo Rizzo	7/20/2015	Santa Clarita	CA
James Throgmorton	7/12/2015	Seal Beach	CA
Marvin Gold	7/6/2015	San Pablo	CA
Lee Shoptaugh	7/2/2015	Cottonwood	AZ
Donald Friesen	6/22/2015	Montrose	CA
Aaron Aubuchon	6/17/2015	Chula Vista	CA
Norman Pincock	6/2/2015	Escondido	CA
Neal Sisson	5/19/2015	Placerville	CA
Allen Clift	4/3/2015	Mesa	AZ
William Thompson	3/23/2015	Whittier	CA
Woody Cady	2/10/2015	Oceanside	CA
Bill Horst	1/23/2015	Winnetka	CA
Ron Murray	1/7/2015	Novato	CA
Deane Scoville	1/6/2015	Stanton	CA
Don Brewer	1/6/2015	Graden Grove	CA
Lawrence Schatz	12/28/2014	Stockton	CA
Glenn Hennessy	12/26/2014	Long Beach	CA
Lou Dahlstrom	12/17/2014	Woodland	CA
Marshall Woodward	11/17/2014	Stockton	CA
Orville Hanel	11/16/2014	Los Gatos	CA
Douglas Enoch	11/14/2014	Sacramento	CA
Leland Atkins	10/28/2014	Chico	CA
Hugh Collins	10/1/2014	Cypress	CA
Theodore Meyer	10/1/2014	Riverbank	CA
Mac Gardner	9/15/2014	Eureka	CA



**President Webb** requested a motion to amend the HOD Order of Business and move the Nominating Committee report and Election of Officers to the next item of business.

**Motion to approve the revised Order of Business: Moved and Seconded.**

**Nominating Committee Chairman Russ Young** introduced the 2016 Slate of Officers:

Gordon Bergthold .....	President
Craig Hughes .....	Executive Vice President
Max Bates .....	Treasurer
Bob Gray .....	Secretary
Brent Anderson .....	VP Division 1
Nick Papageorge .....	VP Division 2
Charles Feltman .....	VP Division 3
Richard Lund .....	VP Division 4
John Bloomquist .....	VP Division 5
Craig Ewing .....	VP Music & Performance
Ron Black .....	VP Contest & Judging

**President Webb** called for a vote to approve the 2016 Officers.

**Motion to approve nominating committee slate. Seconded. Vote by HOD Approved.**

Following the Vote by the HOD, John Donehower, Society Board Member conducted the Installation of Officers.

**President Webb** requested a motion to approve the minutes of the Spring HOD meeting.

**Motion to approve the minutes as presented. Motion & Second Motion Approved.**

**President Webb** advised that all of the Officer Reports were in the HOD Brochure. He requested a motion to accept the Officer Reports as published. **Motion, Second. Approved.**

**President Webb** presented the requested changes to the SOP regarding the “Events” bid process for future conventions. He was assisted during the question and answer period by Events Chairman Bryan Forbes.

The New Wording follows:

**8.5 AWARDING OF CONVENTIONS/CONTESTS**

*The awarding of International Preliminary and District Conventions and Contests follow the procedures and specifications contained in the FWD Convention Regulations. Some details regarding the awarding of conventions are provided here for information. Full details are contained in the referenced document.*

*The District Events Chairman is responsible for the identification of a set of venues in multiple cities appropriate for our convention requirements, through which we can rotate on a regular basis. He is also responsible for submitting to the BOD an event budget for each event consistent with both the overall District event budget for the year, and in keeping with historical event expense norms.*

*Subsequent contract negotiation and execution with hotel and performance venues, consistent with the submitted budget, is also the responsibility of the District Events Chairman.*

*The District Events Chairman will also seek out Host Chapters for each event, who will provide the majority of the event labor leading up to and encompassing the event, as per historical practice.*

*All of these responsibilities are subject to the usual and customary delegation prerogatives of a committee Chairman.*

*Ultimate approval of submitted convention plans, budgets, contracts, and Host Chapter designees lies with the District BOD.*

Following discussion, President Webb called for a vote by the HOD Delegates.

**Motion to approve changes in SOP. Second. Motion Approved**

**District Treasurer Max Bates and President Allan Webb** presented and explained the 2016 budget as presented in the HOD Brochure. Following discussion President Webb requested a motion to Accept the 2016 Budget. **Motion & Second. Motion Approved**

**President Webb** introduced Bill Cale Awards Chairman who advised that Steve Sammonds will be the honoree at the Spring Convention in Las Vegas.

The next House of Delegates Meeting will be March 18, 2015 in Las Vegas Nevada.

**President Allan Webb** led the delegates in “Keep the Whole World Singing.”

**President Allan Webb** entertained a motion to adjourn. **Moved and Second. Motion Approved.**

Meeting Adjourned at 4:12 PM

Respectfully Submitted

Bob Gray  
FWD Secretary

## Minutes of the Fall BOD Meeting



**Far Western District**

**Board of Directors**

**October 15, 2015**

**Mesa, Arizona**

**Meeting was called to order by President Allan Webb at 2:02 PM**

**VP Music Nick Papageorge** directed "The Old Songs".

**Div. 4 VP Richard Lund** gave the Invocation.

Roll Call was taken by Secretary Bob Gray who reported to President Webb that all members were in attendance, and that a quorum was present. Board members present: Allan Webb, Gordon Bergthold, Bob Gray, Max Bates, Brent Anderson, Craig Hughes, Charles Feltman, Richard Lund, John Bloomquist, Ron Black, and Nick Papageorge.

**President Allan Webb** welcomed all board members and guests. He acknowledged the Past Presidents in attendance at the meeting, CSLT Steve Salmon, Marketing & Public Relations Jerry McElfresh, Events Bryan Forbes, Society Board Member John Donehower, and Jim Clark from Harmony Foundation.

**President Webb's** opening remarks discussed the October 1 number from the Society. He also discussed Marty Monson's ideas for alternative ways to be a member of the society. This would allow someone to be a member of the Society, but not a member of the District or a Chapter.

This would be for people who sing for fun, not money. It would allow access to Society benefits.

Allan also discussed the proposed mid-winter 2017 and the possibility of adding a Seniors Chorus Contest.

**Society Board Member John Donehower:** John talked about the Grant Program, Conventions and the Duane Dunn Healthy Chapter Initiative which would help chapters get healthier, and the Society membership would be cheaper.

**President Webb** added Jim Clark from Harmony Foundation to the Agenda.

**President Webb** entertained a motion to approve the Agenda. Motion and Second. Motion Approved.

**President Webb** entertained a motion to approve the Minutes from the June 13, 2015 Board meeting in Fullerton, CA. Motion and Second. Minutes Approved.

**President Webb** reported that the Vice President reports were published in the HOD Brochure.

VP Reports:

**Division 1 SouthWest VP Brent Anderson** reported that he had been in contact with most chapters in his Division. He reported on Pacific Sound providing a benefit show the the struggling Bakersfield Chapter.

**Division 2 Southeast VP Craig Hughes** reported that membership is doing well, however some Chapters are struggling. Temecula is going great. Pal-Pac is aging. Pal-Pac President is working to revive the Chapter.

**Division 3 Northwest VP Charles Feltman** handed out copies of his report to those in attendance.

**Treasurer Max Bates** discussed the consequences of Chapters being late, or failing to file with the IRS or with their State Regulatory Agencies. Thirteen Chapters are not current, and there have been 5 Chapters with their Non-Profit status revoked by the IRS.

**Division 4 Northeast VP Richard Lund** discussed Placerville losing their Director. Richard also talked about the Nor-Cal Youth Harmony Camp.

**President Webb** called for a break at 3:50 PM

**President Webb** called the meeting back to order at 4:02 PM

**Division 5 Arizona VP John Bloomquist** reported there is a new Chapter in his Division, The Salt River Valley Chapter. He also reported that the Tucson Chapter Youth Festival was attended by over 220 Young Men.

**Contest & Judging VP Ron Black** discussed items in his report.

**Music & Performance VP Nick Papageorge** reported on Harmony College West/Leadership Academy. Nick also reported on the "Standing Ovation" program and training.

**President Webb** advised that Mileage and Harmony College West (Possibly Three) be placed on the March 2016 Meeting Agenda.

**President Webb** stated the will conduct a Conference Call regarding the status of the Whittier Chapter. He is looking at a Chapter name change, and moving the Chapter to a different location.

**Jim Clark from Harmony Foundation** talked to members in attendance about Foundation Growth, and Donor Choice. Donors Choice designated for the District go to Harmony Foundation. There was a Donor's Choice Cash gift of \$2000 to the District from President Allan Webb's employer.

The Far Western District placed third last year in Per-man giving.

**Awards Chairman Bill Cale** introduced this years honoree Jim Turnmire, and Steve Sammonds will be the honoree at the Spring Convention in Las Vegas.

**Executive Vice President Gordon Berghold** reported that Bill Roscia has agreed to be the District Membership Chairman. Royce Ferguson will be Chorus Director Development. Gordon is still looking to fill the vacant Youth in Harmony position. The Historian position is also open.

**Marketing & PR Jerry McElfresh** reported on the "West Tags" monthly news bulletin. He also advised the Jack Peters will take over the FWD Story Tellers. Ray Rymer has boxes of old issues on West Tunes. There are about thirty thousand pages which need to be digitized.

**Webmaster David Melville** discussed changes which will be coming to the FWD website.

**For the Good of the Order:** Nick Papageorge stated that he is looking forward to next years job as VP of Division 2 Southeast. Ron Black said he was completing 30 years of judging. Russ Young advised this would be his last time at the table. John Bloomquist challenged how many Man-of-Note Awards everyone had. Gordon thanked Russ for his years of service to the District.

**Division 1 VP Brent Anderson** led everyone in Keep the Whole World Singing.

**President Allan Webb** entertained a motion to adjourn. **Motion Approved**

Meeting adjourned at 5:54 PM

Bob Gray  
FWD Secretary

## HOD Order of Business



**FAR WESTERN DISTRICT  
SPRING HOUSE OF DELEGATES MEETING  
LAS VEGAS, NV  
2:00 PM FRIDAY, MARCH 18, 2016**

Call To Order: Gordon Bergthold

- |   |                  |
|---|------------------|
| • Pledge of Allegiance:                 | John Bloomquist  |
| • "The Star Spangled Banner":           | Allan Webb       |
| • "The Old Songs":                      | Ron Black        |
| • Invocation:                           | Richard Lund     |
| • Welcome:                              | Craig Hughes     |
| • Introductions:                        | Craig Hughes     |
| ○ Past Presidents                       |                  |
| ○ Other Dignitaries                     |                  |
| ○ District Officers                     |                  |
| • Roll Call:                            | Bob Gray         |
| • District President's Remarks:         | Gordon Bergthold |
| • Approval of the Agenda:               | Craig Hughes     |
| • Approval of previous minutes:         | Craig Hughes     |
| • Receipt of HOD Reports:               | Craig Hughes     |
| • Additional Officer/Committee reports: | Craig Hughes     |
| • Old Business:                         | Craig Hughes     |
| ○ No unfinished business                |                  |
| • New Business:                         | Craig Hughes     |
| • BOD Highlights:                       | Craig Hughes     |
| • Society Board Update:                 | John Donehower   |
| • Harmony Foundation Update:            | Jim Clark        |
| • Awards:                               | Bill Cale        |
| • 2015 Chapter of the Year Award:       | Allan Webb       |
| • 2015 President's Award:               | Allan Webb       |
| • Future Convention Update:             | Bryan Forbes     |
| • Next Meeting time/Location:           | Craig Hughes     |
| • Keep the Whole World Singing":        | Allan Webb       |

Adjourn: Craig Hughes

## Board of Directors Meeting Agenda



### **FAR WESTERN DISTRICT**

#### **Board Meeting Agenda**

**Alexis Park Resort 375 East Harmon Ave. Las Vegas, NV**

**March 17, 2016**

- Call to Order: Craig Hughes
- The Old Songs: Allan Webb
- Invocation : Richard Lund
- Roll Call: Bob Gray
- Opening Remarks: Gordon Bergthold
- Society Board Member Remarks: John Donehower
- Approval of Agenda: Craig Hughes
- Approval of minutes of previous meetings: Craig Hughes
- Vice President Reports
  - Division 1 Southwest: Brent Anderson
  - Division 2 Southeast: Nick Papageorge
  - Division 3 Northwest: Charles Feltman
  - Division 4 Northeast: Richard Lund
  - Division 5 Arizona: John Bloomquist
  - Contest & Judging: Ron Black
  - Music & Performance: Craig Ewing
- Old Business
  - Chapter Charter & Compliance Review:
  - Leadership Academy & Harmony College West
- New Business
  - Accept and act on Brea's Bid for the 2016 Fall Convention in Riverside
  - Enhanced auditory environment for the fall and the spring District contest events
- Information only Items

- Fall 2016 Convention Honoree: Bill Cale
- Harmony Foundation Remarks: Jim Clark
- DMT & Committee Chair Positions for 2016: Craig Hughes
- DMT/Committee Reports/updates: Craig Hughes
- District “Most Proud Moment” 2015: Allan Webb
- Society Harmony University Scholarship Award 2016: Craig Hughes
- For the good of the order: All
- Next Board Meeting: Date & Location
- Keep The Whole World Singing: Brent Anderson
  - Adjourn Craig Hughes



## Board of Directors Reports



### Bob Gray, Secretary

Here we are at the Spring HOD and Board meeting in Las Vegas. Again this year, we are going to be placing a lot of emphasis on each chapter staying legal with state incorporation registrations, and IRS filings. I can't emphasize enough how important this is to every Chapter. Unfortunately there are Chapters here in the Far Western District that have had their Chapter Non-Profit status revoked. When that happens, it will take you a very large amount of time to become legal again. Chapter Presidents, Officers, and the general membership are all affected.

This month the Chapter Secretaries need to review and make sure that the filings with your state are complete, and that includes posting on Ebiz. The Chapter Management Team which includes the President, Secretary, and Treasurer need to be working together to have the Financial Review completed by May, and the IRS 990 filed by May 15th. Part of this requirement is to also submit and post the information on Ebiz. If you do the filing, but neglect to update Ebiz, from a BHS standpoint, it is not complete.

Speaking of Ebiz, log in and go to the "Document Center". There you will find the new 2016 Membership Application Form, 2016 Dues Structure, and the Revised "Standard Chapter By-Laws. You will also find other forms, Training materials, along with a lot of very useful information. Chapter Officers look over: "The Business of Barbershop". This is a Consolidated at-a-glance Chapter Business Guide. Your chapter is a business, a 501 (c)(3) non-profit corporation to be exact. Accordingly there are certain legal, financial, and business requirements that must be met; some every month, some only as needed, and some on a schedule throughout the year. One of the problems we have faced down through the years is the lack of a coordinated understanding of who is responsible for what and when they are responsible for doing it. This guide is intended as a "QUICK-REFERENCE GUIDE" to lay out a work plan for your chapter's executive team showing who is responsible for what and when so things are no longer "somebody else's" responsibility and might actually get done.

If you haven't already done so, your Chapters need to submit your 2015 ASCAP report. This is a requirement of every chapter. The process for the ASCAP Report has changed. You are to submit one report, at the end of the year. Also, Chapter Secretaries need to submit your BMI Show Clearance request form, along with payment for each Show. Your show clearance requests need to be submitted as early as possible. You should be doing the show clearance prior to contracting with any venue and talent. As soon as your show is approved, the information is placed on the Far Western District Calendar.

		IRS 990 FILING	FINANCIAL REVIEW	STATE INCORP.	
<b>D001 Lompoc</b>	<b>Gents-In-A-Chord Chorus</b>	<b>One Member</b>			<b>1 MEMBER</b>
<b>D002 Greater Phoenix</b>	Spirit of Phoenix	Current	Current	Current	
<b>D003 Tucson</b>	Tucson Barbershop Experience	Current	Current	Current	
<b>D005 Bakersfield</b>	GOLDEN EMPIRE CHORUS	Current	No Review	Current	
		No 990 Since 2013	No REVIEW Since 2013	No STATE Since 2013	
<b>D006 Walnut Creek</b>	<b>Devil Mountain Chorus</b>				
<b>D008 Santa Rosa</b>	Redwood Chordsmen	Current	Current	Current	
<b>D009 Placerville</b>	Gold Rush Chorus	Current	Current	Current	
<b>D012 South Bay</b>	Coastliners	Current	Current	Current	
		No 990 Since 2013			
<b>D013 Long Beach</b>			Current	Current	
<b>D014 Conejo Valley</b>	Conejo Valley Harmony Oaks	Current	No Review	No State	
<b>D015 Hemet</b>	Hemet Harmonizers	Current	Current	Current	
<b>D018 Pasadena</b>	Pasadena Crown City Chorus	Current	No Review	Expired	
<b>D019 Inland Empire</b>	Inland Sound	Current	Current	Current	
<b>D020 Davis-Vacaville</b>	West Valley Chorus	Current	Current	Expired	No Leaders
<b>D021 Sacramento</b>	Sacramento Capitolaies	Current	Current	Current	
<b>D022 Palo Alto - Mountain</b>	Peninsulaires	Current	Current	Current	
<b>D023 San Diego</b>	Sun Harbor	Current	Current	Current	
<b>D024 San Francisco</b>	<b>Cable Car Chorus</b>	<b>Nothing</b>	<b>Nothing</b>	<b>Nothing</b>	<b>No Leaders</b>
<b>D026 Bay Area</b>	Voices in Harmony	Current	Current	Current	
<b>D028 Santa Maria</b>	Central Coast Chordsmen	Current	No Review	Current	
<b>D029 Visalia</b>	Mighty Oak Chorus	Current	Nothing	Nothing	
<b>D030 Whittier</b>	Choralaires	Nothing	Nothing	Nothing	
<b>D031 Aloha</b>	Sounds of Aloha	Current	Current	Current	
<b>D033 Carson City</b>	<b>Chorus of the Comstock</b>	<b>Nothing</b>	<b>Nothing</b>	<b>Nothing</b>	
<b>D036 Ventura</b>	Channel Islands Clippers	Current	Nothing	Nothing	
<b>D037 South Orange Count</b>	South County Sound	Current	Current	Current	
<b>D039 Marin</b>	Marin Golden Gate	Current	No Review	Expired	
<b>D040 Nevada-Placer</b>	Sierranaders	Current	Current	Current	
<b>D041 Palomar Pacific</b>	The Music Men	Current	No Review	Expired	
<b>D042 Stockton</b>	Stockton Portsmen	Current	Current	Current	
<b>D043 Santa Clarita</b>	Men of Harmony	Current	Current	Current	
<b>D044 Prescott</b>	High Mountain Chordsmen	Current	Current	Current	
<b>D046 Santa Fe Springs</b>	Masters of Harmony	Current	Current	Current	
<b>D049 Monterey Peninsula</b>	Cypressaires	Current	No Review	Current	No Leaders
<b>D050 Crescenta Valley</b>	<b>Highlanders</b>	<b>No Filings</b>	<b>NO FILINGS</b>	<b>NO FILINGS</b>	<b>5 MEMBERS</b>
<b>D051 Reno</b>	Reno Silver Dollar Chorus	Current	Current	Current	
<b>D052 Chico</b>	Sierra Sounds	Current	Current	Current	
<b>D054 Santa Barbara</b>	Channel City Chorus	Current	No Review	Current	
<b>D055 Orange (Quartet)</b>		Current	Current	Current	
<b>D056 Fullerton</b>	Orange Empire Chorus	Current	No Review	Current	
<b>D057 Central California</b>	Golden Valley Chorus	Current	Current	Expired	
<b>D058 Santa Monica</b>	The Oceanaires	Current	Current	Current	
<b>D059 Fresno</b>		Current	Current	Current	
		Nothing since 2013	No REVIEW Since 2013	No STATE Since 2013	
<b>D063 Yuma</b>					
<b>D064 Redding</b>	<b>Redding Riverside</b>	<b>NO POSTING</b>			
		No 990 Since 2013			
<b>D066 San Fernando Valley</b>	<b>Valley Harmony Singers</b>		No Review	EXP. 2011	
	East Valley Barbershop Harmonizers				
<b>D069 Mesa</b>	(formerly the Lamplighters)	Current	Current	Current	
<b>D072 Central Arizona (Qu</b>	Platoon Chorus	Current	No Review	Expired	No Leaders
<b>D074 Westminster</b>	The Westminster Chorus	Current	Current	Current	
<b>D075 Las Vegas</b>	Silver Statesmen	Current	Current	Current	
<b>D076 Napa Valley</b>	Napa Valley Harmonizers	Current	Current	Current	

		IRS 990 FILING	FINANCIAL REVIEW	STATE INCORP.	
<b>D081 Eureka</b>	Humboldt Harmonaires	Current	Current	Expired	
<b>D085 San Luis Obispo</b>	Gold Coast Chorus	Nothing since 2013	No Review	Current	
<b>D086 El Cajon</b>	Music Masters Chorus	Current	No Review	No State	
<b>D087 Coachella Valley</b>	<b>Sandblasters</b>	No 990 Since 2013	No Review	No Since 2010	
<b>D092 San Mateo County</b>	The Fault Line A Cappella Chorus	Current	Current	Current	
<b>D093 Los Angeles</b>	<b>Harmony Tradition</b>	Current	Current	NO STATE	No Leaders 5 MEMBERS
<b>D095 Apple Valley</b>	The Hi-Country Harmonaires	Current	No Review	NO STATE	No Leaders
<b>D098 Folsom</b>	Folsom Harmony Express	Current	Current	Current	
<b>D099 Santa Cruz</b>	The Gold Standard Chorus	Current	No Review	NO STATE	
<b>D101 Sun Cities</b>	Desert Aires	Current	Current	Current	
<b>D102 Fremont-Hayward</b>	New Dimension Chorus	Current	Current	EXPIRED	
<b>D103 Rincon Beach</b>	Pacific Sound	Current	Current	Current	
<b>D106 San Francisco Bay C</b>	Gathering of Bay Area Quartets	Current	No Review	NO STATE	
<b>D107 Canada Del Oro</b>	<b>Canada Del Oro</b>	No 990 Since 2013	No Review	EXPIRED	No Leaders
<b>D110 White Mountains</b>	High Country Chorus	Current	Current	Current	
<b>D111 St George</b>	Color Country Chorus	Current	No Review	Current	
<b>D113 Sedona</b>	Harmony on the Rocks	Current	No Review	Current	
<b>D116 Brea</b>	Gaslight Chorus	Current	Current	Current	
<b>D117 La Jolla</b>	Pacific Coast Harmony	Current	No Review	EXPIRED	
<b>D119 Casa Grande</b>	<b>Desert Sounds</b>	Current	No Review	EXPIRED	
<b>D120 Laguna Hills</b>	South Coast Harmonizers	Current	No Review	NO STATE	
<b>D122 Temecula</b>	Temecula Wine Valley Harmonizers	Current	No Review	NO STATE	
<b>D123 California Delta</b>	Voices of California	Current	No Review	EXPIRED	
<b>D124 Elko</b>		No Filings	No Review	NO STATE	3 MEMBERS
<b>D125 Salt River Valley</b>		No Filings			7 MEMBERS



**Max Bates, Treasurer**

## **Financial Report as of December 31, 2015**

Report to the FWD Board and House of Delegates members

The following reports are included:

- 2015 Operating Results (Profit & Loss) vs 2015 Budget
- 2015 Year End Balance Sheet
- 2015 Operating Results (Profit & Loss) by Class (activity)
- Notes to the three reports listed above, listed by report, account number and description.

As noted in the October 2015 Board and HOD report there are three extraordinary “expenses” shown in the operating reports. First, surplus funds assigned to the NorCal youth harmony camp, were expended to fund the Lloyd Steinkamp Endowment Fund for FWD youth harmony camps.

Again as this endowment fund grows the endowment will perpetuate the generation of funds to support FWD youth harmony camps well into the future. Future funding and donations to this endowment are made outside of the FWD operation and will not affect future FWD operational results.

Secondly, the FWD had pledged donations to the Harmony Foundation for support of the Mid-Winter Youth Harmony Festival for 2014 and 2015. The 2014 pledge was not paid until the spring of 2015. The 2015 pledge was made in December 2015 and consequently the operating results shows two donations of \$10,000 each for the 2015 operating period.

Thirdly, the FWD, as noted in the October 2015 report, has established an endowment fund with the Harmony Foundation in the amount of \$30,000 (plus \$1,500 front end costs). This fund will enhance the district financial position by generating income for district purposes and putting current funds to work.

The district continues on a sound financial basis.

Finally, BHS and the FWD urges each chapter to complete the respective annual IRS and state reports to remain qualified for the non-profit (501(c)(3) status. There are a few chapters whose non-profit status has been revoked for failure to file the IRS 990 form, (most common 990N) for three consecutive years. That can have catastrophic consequences, placing the chapter liable for income taxes for show revenue, payroll taxes for payments to directors and talent and denying the personal deductibility of any donations made to the chapter. Please check the IRS website searching for “E O Select Check” with your chapter’s Federal Identification Number for a history of your IRS filing. All IRS and state filings along with report

of the annual financial review MUST be made to the BHS. For any questions please contact me.

Respectfully submitted,

Max L. Bates  
FWD Treasure

## 2015 Actual Revenue vs. Budget

<b>FWD</b> <b>Profit &amp; Loss Budget vs. Actual</b> <b>January through December 2015</b>				
	Jan - Dec 15	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>				
<b>Income</b>				
600.00 - DUES	43,912.81	40,000.00	3,912.81	109.8%
601.00 - SPRING PRELIMS REV	32,468.71	34,000.00	-1,531.29	95.5%
602.00 - FALL CONVENTION REV	60,827.50	62,000.00	-1,172.50	98.1%
603.00 - DIVISIONAL CONV	32,391.94	37,000.00	-4,608.06	87.5%
608.02 - INTEREST	26.00	100.00	-74.00	26.0%
608.03 - WEBCAST	842.40	2,400.00	-1,557.60	35.1%
610 - Donations	26,288.11	19,550.00	6,738.11	134.5%
620.00 - Fees	4,265.00	8,600.00	-4,335.00	49.6%
620.02 - HCW / LA	5,190.00	9,750.00	-4,560.00	53.2%
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>206,212.47</b>	<b>213,400.00</b>	<b>-7,187.53</b>	<b>96.6%</b>
<b>Expense</b>				
801.00 - HCW/LA Expense	15,791.59	10,000.00	5,791.59	157.9%
801.10 - D\$16 - District Spring	30,275.00	19,000.00	11,275.00	159.3%
801.20 - AZ16 - AZ Div Exp	7,965.00	8,000.00	-35.00	99.6%
801.30 - \$C16 - \$oCal Div Exp	19,625.74	18,000.00	1,625.74	109.0%
802.00 - Fall Convention Exp	46,025.00	40,000.00	6,025.00	115.1%
802.10 - Conv Exp-Webmaster	237.16			
803.00 - Webcast	590.20	2,400.00	-1,809.80	24.6%
804.00 - BD MEETING	20,491.54	17,700.00	2,791.54	115.8%
807.01 - DIR DEVELOP	689.28	11,700.00	-11,010.72	5.9%
807.04 - FINANCIAL DEVEL CHR	0.00	500.00	-500.00	0.0%
807.08 - C&J	2,604.66	3,550.00	-945.34	73.4%
807.08 - YMIH	19,146.04	19,300.00	-153.96	99.2%
807.088 - L\$EF - FWD YIH Camps	10,200.00			
807.10 - EVENTS	157.40	3,900.00	-3,742.60	4.0%
807.11 - MUSIC & PERF	162.92	8,000.00	-7,837.08	2.0%
807.12 - MKTG & PR	3,057.52	5,550.00	-2,492.48	55.1%
807.18 - MEMBERSHIP	0.00	1,050.00	-1,050.00	0.0%
807.20 - LEADERSHIP FORUM	2,834.20	5,000.00	-2,165.80	56.7%
808.00 - Donations	51,500.00	10,000.00	41,500.00	515.0%
808.01 - Dues Collection Fees	1,750.92	2,000.00	-249.08	87.5%
808.02 - Merchant Aoot Fees	3,363.43	500.00	2,863.43	672.7%
810.00 - INTERN. QT TRAVEL	2,462.79	2,800.00	-337.21	88.0%
811.00 - INTERN CH TRAVEL	5,508.07	6,400.00	-891.93	86.1%
822.00 - GOV'T FEES	70.50	100.00	-29.50	70.5%
700.00 - PRESIDENT	6,101.08	6,700.00	-598.92	91.1%
701.00 - IMMEDIATE PAST PRES.	50.00	400.00	-350.00	12.5%
703.00 - EVP	4,262.98	6,000.00	-1,737.02	71.0%
704.00 - DVP	489.61	2,800.00	-2,310.39	17.5%
706.00 - SECRETARY	385.08	300.00	85.08	128.4%
708.00 - TREASURER	192.17	250.00	-57.83	76.9%
708.00 - CHAPTER SUPPORT	2,106.84	1,500.00	606.84	140.5%
Void	0.00			
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>258,096.72</b>	<b>213,400.00</b>	<b>44,696.72</b>	<b>120.9%</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>-51,884.25</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>-51,884.25</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-51,884.25</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>-51,884.25</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

## 2015 Balance Sheet

### FWD Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual January through December 2015

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# Operating Results by Class

FWD Profit & Loss by Class January through December 2015											
4:03 PM 01/25/16 Accrual Basis	AZ - Arizona Div	DF - District Fall	District Spring	HCW	Leadership Area	NoCal Youth	\$C - So Cal Div	YH	Unclassified	TOTAL	
Ordinary Income/Expense											
Income											
500.00 - DUES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	43,912.81	43,912.81	
501.00 - SRNG PRELIMS REV	0.00	0.00	32,468.71	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	32,468.71	
502.00 - FALL CONVENTION REV	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	60,827.50	
503.00 - DIVISIONAL CONV	9,561.94	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	22,830.00	0.00	0.00	32,391.94	
505.02 - INTEREST	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	56.00	56.00	
505.03 - WEBCAST	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	842.40	842.40	
510 - Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	12,915.00	0.00	0.00	13,373.11	26,288.11	
520.00 - Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,190.00	870.00	3,395.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,265.00	
520.02 - HCW / LA	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,190.00	
Total Income	9,561.94	60,827.50	32,468.71	5,190.00	870.00	16,310.00	22,830.00	0.00	58,154.32	205,212.47	
Expense											
601.00 - HCW/LA Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,792.95	3,371.88	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,626.96	15,791.59	
601.10 - DSIS - District Spring	0.00	0.00	30,275.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	30,275.00	
601.20 - AZIS - AZ Div Exp	7,965.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,965.00	
601.30 - SCIS - Social Div Exp	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	18,257.00	0.00	1,368.74	19,625.74	
602.00 - Fall Convention Exp	0.00	46,025.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	46,025.00	
602.10 - Conv Exp-Webmaster	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	237.16	237.16	
603.00 - Webcast	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	590.20	590.20	
604.00 - BO MEETING	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	20,491.54	20,491.54	
607.01 - DIR DEVELOP	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	669.28	669.28	
607.08 - C&J	0.00	0.00	220.16	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,384.50	2,604.66	
607.09 - YMH	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	17,046.04	0.00	1,000.00	1,100.00	19,146.04	
607.09 - LSEF - FWD YH Camps	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,200.00	10,200.00	
607.10 - EVENTS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	157.40	157.40	
607.11 - MUSIC & PER	0.00	0.00	162.92	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	162.92	162.92	
607.12 - MKTG & PR	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,057.52	3,057.52	
607.20 - LEADERSHIP FORUM	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,834.20	2,834.20	
608.00 - Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	51,500.00	51,500.00	
609.01 - Dues Collection Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,750.92	1,750.92	
609.02 - Merchant Acct Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,363.43	3,363.43	
610.00 - INTERN. QT TRAVEL	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,462.79	2,462.79	
611.00 - INTERN CH TRAVEL	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,508.07	5,508.07	
622.00 - GOVT FEES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	70.50	70.50	
700.00 - PRESIDENT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,101.08	6,101.08	
701.00 - IMMED PAST PRES.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00	50.00	
703.00 - EVP	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,262.96	4,262.96	
704.00 - DVP	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	489.61	489.61	
705.00 - SECRETARY	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	365.08	365.08	
706.00 - TREASURER	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	192.17	192.17	
709.00 - CHAPTER SUPPORT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,825.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	281.80	2,106.84	
Void	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Total Expense	7,965.00	46,025.00	30,658.08	10,792.95	5,196.72	17,046.04	18,257.00	1,000.00	121,155.93	258,096.72	
Net Ordinary Income	1,596.94	14,802.50	1,810.63	-5,602.95	-4,326.72	-736.04	4,573.00	-1,000.00	-63,001.61	-51,884.25	
Net Income	1,596.94	14,802.50	1,810.63	-5,602.95	-4,326.72	-736.04	4,573.00	-1,000.00	-63,001.61	-51,884.25	

## Notes to the attached reports.

### **Report and Account Description**      **Notes:**

#### **“Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual”**

502.00 – Fall Convention	Final report not completed at this date. Amount includes an estimate of \$16,600 for 2015 final district revenue.
520.02 – HCW / LA Rev	Harmony College West and Leadership Academy forecast a net
510.00 – Donations	Includes a \$2,000 donation from QualComm honoring Allan Webb
601.00 – HCW / LA Exp	Expense of \$10,000 combining the two accounts.
607.098 – LSEF-FWD YIH Camps	One time funding from the NorCal YHC surplus - \$10,200
608.00 – Donations	Represents the \$31,500 funding to the FWD – Harmony Foundation Endowment. Plus two payments (\$10,000 each) to HF to support the Mid -Winter Youth Chorus Festival
609.02 – Merchant Acct Fees	With the change in convention funding and cash flow with the respective advance expense payments to sponsoring chapters, the district has the additional expense of the credit card discounts.

#### **“Balance Sheet”**

112 – Accts Rec	Additional revenue due from Fall Convention
111.10 – Prepaid	Advanced venue payments for January 2016 HCW /LA and March 2016 Spring Convention.(to be expensed in 2016)
453.00 – HCW/LA Advanced Reg	Advanced registrations for 2016 HCW/LA (to revenue in 2016)
453.10 – DS15 Advanced Reg	Advanced registrations for March 2016 Spring Convention

#### **“Profit & Loss by Class”**

607.098 – LSEF-FWD YIH Camps	Expense side of the funding of the Lloyd Steinkamp Endowment Fund – one time allocation of NorCal YHC fund surplus.
608.00 – Donations	2014 & 2015 payment for Mid-Winter Youth Chorus Festival (\$10, 000 each) Initial funding of the FWD Harmony Foundation Endowment (\$30,000 plus \$1,500 front





### **Brent Anderson, Division 1 Vice President (Southwest)**

Not much has changed since the last report. All chapters report membership challenges, lack of new members, lack of younger members, a few members with health challenges and a few with the ultimate health challenge and the opportunity to sing with the Great Heavenly Chorus.

To start with the positives, it seems **Aloha, Pasadena, Rincon, Ventura, Santa Maria, San Luis Obispo, San Fernando Valley, Santa Monica, Santa Fe Springs** and **Long Beach** all report positive experiences. Attendance is regular and they are making good music, I've been working on more chapters to come to contest but not with much success. Frankly, the expense and distance of Las Vegas for a one-day, one event, chorus performance experience isn't working for my smaller-medium sized groups. Santa Maria, San Luis Obispo both said they will compete next year, which will be a return to competition after a many-year absence but the distance and effort and hotel room cost, was just too much this spring. In "the old days," whenever that was (pre-2008 recession), a trip to Vegas was pretty exciting but somehow, not-so-much any more...

Add this to the recent expense of traveling to Mesa AZ for the FWD District convention and most of my Central Coast Chapters are staying home. It's only a few hours drive from metro LA, but from the Central Coast, travel to those destinations is expensive and long.

If we have decided where the next conventions will be, and the dates for 2017, it's important we get that info out to the troops as soon as possible.

Starting with chapters in trouble, **Santa Barbara** chapter is still defunct... I don't know of new effort from the 10-12 who were still "active" last fall... I saw a quartet of them who sang Christmas songs on the street during the holidays but these men were not the visionary, active leaders, capable of reviving the old chapter. I believe we should make an effort to start an entirely new chorus there, and there are a couple people who might act as the musical directors which would be key to any new efforts. **Mike McGee**, originally of Santa Barbara and then transplanted to Florida in 2003, working with Disney and currently the baritone of 3rd place medalists, Main Street, is back in Santa Barbara caring for ailing parents and trying to find an employment niche. My daughter, **Courtney Anderson-Georges**, is now the music director of her old high school, is very successful in reviving that school's flagging program, and she has an excellent rapport with the other major high schools in Santa Barbara, each of which has an excellent choral program with 30-40 boys in each choir. Courtney has expressed an interest in creating a Youth Chorus, possibly one that would go to the next MidWinter. That youth group could form a nucleus of a new Barbershop Chorus in Santa Barbara. I'd like to see that happen and wonder what musical and financial resources from FWD could be of help in those efforts.

**Conejo Valley Chapter** and **Larry Nixon**, their long time director, have parted ways. The relationship just ran its course. I've talked with **Bob Homkes** from that chapter and have been encouraging. They have a temporary director but really need a full-time person, to keep the 18-20 men engaged and encouraged. I don't know if they are coming to Las Vegas for the contest but I doubt it.

**Long Beach** still continues to rehearse in the community center at Leisure Village, and their "chorus" consists of barbershoppers and also members of the Leisure Village community who enjoy singing on a regular basis. It seems to work and they have fun, although we'll not be seeing them as a competing chorus in the near future.

I'm happy to report the experiment in reviving the **Bakersfield Chapter** appears to be working. You'll remember that in Sept., **Rincon Beach Chapter** provided the talent for a show at a small theater in Bakersfield. The 200+ seat theater was "sold out" even though many tickets were given away for free, thanks to the efforts of the 12-15 active members at that time. 2014 FWD District champ quartet **American Pastime** were the headliners along with FWD 2015 top ten quartet, **The Front Line Quartet** from Fresno/Visalia, and it really was an excellent show.

Although they failed to be organized enough to capture the 4-6 new guests who attended the subsequent Thursday evening meetings, they did manage to bring back a few old members as well as some new ones, and recently got a new musical director, **Adam Cavillo**, and he began directing to great support, in January. **Tank Waldrum**, who had directed for the past few years is happily singing with the chorus.

**Rich Owen** is the new chapter president, and he's doing a great job. **Bill Rosica** and Rich are also members of the MOH, so they bring some organizational experience with them, and teamed with the new director, it's working out well. They had a couple of performances in December, they sent seven guys to Las Vegas in early January to attend Leadership Academy.

They are planning and installation of officers in early February, and will be bringing the chorus to Las Vegas, just for the experience, as they will ask to be evaluated but not judged in the competition.

In closing, **Ken Day** from Rincon Beach Chapter has been the Westtunes News Digester for SW Division for many years. He's recently retired from barbershop due a very bad back which has made standing and performing very uncomfortable. I thank Ken, and have replaced him with a new man, also from Rincon, **Justin McQueen** who is very excited to be singing barbershop. He'll be great...

In summary, we're making progress in the SW Division and I'm happy to be of help.

**Brent Anderson**  
**Southwestern Division VP**



### **Nick Papageorge, Division 2 Vice President (Southeast)**

I am very honored and excited to be the new Southern California East Division Vice President. This Division is so diverse and so full of barbershop singing history. And it has been my home for most of my Barbershop life! In the next few months I plan to visit each of the division chapters to have some fun and sing. I want to see firsthand how they celebrate life through Barbershop Music!

### **LAS VEGAS CHAPTER: SPRING DISTRICT CONTEST IN VEGAS IN MARCH**

The **Las Vegas Chapter** will be hosting the 2016 International Quartet Preliminary Contest and SE/SW Division Quartet and Chorus Contest in Las Vegas, March 18 -20, 2016. The Chapter is gearing up for this great event. Get your tickets now through the FWD Website. Don't miss this great event!

Congratulations to their new Board of Directors under the Direction of President Greg Dreyer for taking on this huge event in the first quarter of their reign!

### **BREA CHAPTER: A Memorial to Wes Reed**

On Saturday January 23rd, members of the **Brea Gaslight Chorus** and the **Fullerton Orange Empire Chorus** combined their voices at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in La Habra, CA to pay their respects to long-time barbershopper and SE Division great, **Wes Reed** at his Memorial Service. The service was held on what would have been his 83rd birthday. The combined chorus delivered heartfelt renditions of **"I Believe"** and **"Irish Blessing"** to the approximately 300 people in attendance. It was awesome to observe a group of men of all ages join together to honor one of its own with song. We were confident that Wes was listening to these songs and was pleased with what he heard. Wes' influence as a Director and instructor to both choruses runs deep and will undoubtedly carry on with those who were fortunate to know him.

The cover page of the memorial service program was titled "An inspiration to many". Wes was not only a barbershop singer. He was a very inspirational Choral Conductor. A choir made up of Wes' students from La Serna High School and Cal State Long Beach (ranging from the 1960's to 1990's) sang three songs in tribute to Wes. **"Dirge in Woods"** (written and arranged by Wes himself), **"Sweet Molly Malone,"** and a sentimental favorite, **"Softly As I Leave You."** It was clear that these songs took them back to their student days, standing in front of Wes under his direction.

Although we may have bid him farewell, Wes' spirit will live on in the thousands of people he touched with the gift of singing. Thank you to the Reed family for allowing everyone to cherish this gift. It was indeed "An inspiration to many!"

## **FULLERTON CHAPTER: Youth Outreach**

Congratulations again to the Orange Empire Chorus for successfully organizing and supporting the 27-member **OC Student Union** at the Mid-Winter Convention. The chorus, comprised of young men from each of the 6 High Schools in the Fullerton Joint Union High School District, was directed by **Tom Nichols**, and received an Excellent rating. The Fullerton Chapter spends a lot of time and money to get the young men to the convention. This was their 3<sup>rd</sup> time competing. Previously they competed in Tucson, AZ., and Long Beach, CA. (2015), both directed by **Nick Papageorge** and both times receiving Excellent ratings. Again, The Orange Empire Chorus shows how to reach out to their local high schools. And they don't just do it once a year or two. They are in contact with each school director personally and asking what is needed at their school so that the Chapter help.

### ***Mid- Winter Convention and Contests***

I would like to congratulate **Blood, Sweat, and Years, (Paul Engel, Lester Weiser, Bob Cathaway, and Bill Myers)** for their participation in the International Seniors Quartet Contest in Reno. Great job guys! Also congratulations to the **University of La Verne's, 3<sup>rd</sup> St. Sound**, from La Verne, CA. They received an Excellent rating at the International Youth Festival.

As I move on to this new position, I would like close out my Music and Performance tenure by thanking all of the Harmony College West Faculty for taking time out of their busy schedules to teach and coach our attendees. Thanks to: **Ron Black, Craig Ewing, Royce Ferguson, Jim Halvorson, Larry Halvorson, Warren Hettinga, David Melville, Sam Papageorge, Gary Steinkamp, Ryan Wisniewski, and Russ Young, and MASTERPIECE: Patrick Headtler, Brett Littlefield, Alan Gordon, Rob Meneker. And of course, a great big Thank You to Craig Hughes.**

I would also like to give a very special thank-you to all 150 or so of the students in attendance for taking the time to add to your knowledge of our art form. I know that you all will take what you have learned and share it with your chapters. Please remember that if you learn just 1 new thing at a school like HCWest, it is worth every bit of time, effort and money that you put in. And you never know where you will learn that one thing; it could be at lunch with a member of another chapter, on a break from your class, or singing a tag with 3 other guys!

Lastly, I would like to thank Alan Gordon and Masterpiece for the kind words they expressed about my tenure as HCWest Dean and Music & Performance VP. I was not expecting that. But when the rest of the school stood up and expressed their appreciation, I was truly speechless. Thank you all for allowing me to serve you as the "M & P guy" for the last 8 years

Oh yea, one final thought: Don't miss the Spring Convention and Contests:

***IN VEGAS, IN MARCH!***



**Charles Feltman, Division 3 Vice President (Northwest)**

### **SPRING 2016 NORCAL WEST - HIGHLIGHTS**

Santa Rosa Chapter has a new director, Dan Halle. He is new to barbershop and learning quickly. They had a very successful show in November with this new director. They sent Dan and four board members to the HCW and Leadership Academy in Las Vegas. Performances upcoming are at a local church on Feb 28 and at the Barclay Concert at the Green Music Hall on the Sonoma State University campus followed by the April 2 Castro Valley convention

PaloAlto/MountainView Chapter had early November matinee and evening and a December Holiday Chorus with invitee men from the community. They plan more coaching to improve their performances and a May/June men's vocal clinic to encourage new members from men in the local community.

Eureka Chapter is having a local community recruitment drive for harmony parts, especially for Tenors and Baritones, and are concurrently in a Director search because their current leader is just turning 80.

SF Bay Cities Quartet Chapter honored a 65-year member and plan to honor Robert Bird, now a member for 77 years. Their meetings are now at lunchtime the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays of each month at Harry's Hofbrau in San Jose.

Walnut Creek Chapter managed the beer booth at the Walnut Festival in September and arguably a great pirate themed October Show, followed by December caroling at a long-term care facility and the Walnut Creek Mall. At the end of January into the start of February a two-week "Learn To Sing" event was part of a regular Chapter Meeting with men from the community invited and members from other Chapters invited.

San Jose (VIH) Chapter is presenting an original musical written by two members around a dozen Barbershop arrangements of well-known Beatles songs, four performances at several venues, in late February and early March.

San Francisco Chapter is reviewing its Vision Statement to make a better match between current practice and future plans while reviewing music choices in connection with this evaluation. This follows the October Show in which more than 25 songs were sung by the chorus and a bunch more by Chapter quartets.

Fremont/Hayward Chapter had a December show for a Hayward hospital and then took a vacation until mid-January. They are now preparing for Valentines Day with some members likely learning new parts due to a shortage of Baritones and Tenors. They finally have a complete Board now after losing their prior President to a move south.

**Charles Feltman**



#### **Richard Lund, Division 4 Vice President (Northeast)**

North East Division DVP Report – February 1, 2016

First, I want to thank the Reno Chapter for the superb job they did in hosting Midwinter this past weekend. From the bright yellow shirts that enabled attendees to quickly identify those who could assist with questions to the warm, welcoming hospitality provided by the Reno members, the weekend was spectacular. Thank you again, Reno Chapter members, and Ken Martin who so ably chaired Midwinter on behalf of the Reno Chapter.

And secondly, kudos to Voices of California for sponsoring Youth Chorus participant “Open the Doors”. The chorus consisted of 29 young men from all over Northern California. It is my belief that these young men will benefit from this weekend experience for years to come.

The Chapters of the North East Division have responded in a very positive manner to the initiative proposed by Mongo to “*determine what each chapter is trying to accomplish as an organization*”. This is a kind of chapter “inventory” and many chapters are in the process or well on their way to reviewing their mission and goals for the coming year and sharing these with the District. I have been able to schedule meetings with over half of the North East chapters as I write this and will be meeting with the remaining chapters during March. The majority of the North East Chapters meet on Tuesday evening so scheduling all of them in a short period of time is challenging.

The North East / North West mini-leadership academy was held in Sacramento in December 2015. Our goal was to provide training for those chapter leaders who for many reasons were unable to attend the Leadership Academy / Harmony College West event in Las Vegas in January. We had a good mix of seasoned chapter officers and officers new to their position and even relatively new to Barbershop. The focus was on three offices – President, Treasurer, and Secretary. Our thinking was these are the positions with legal impact and we wanted to ensure that these officers had the information and the contact information necessary to keep their chapter in compliance with the law.

Our faculty consisted of Steve Kirch, President; Jim Sherman, Treasurer; and Carl Miller, Secretary. Bruce Sellow did a brief presentation entitled “Enhancing the Show Experience” and Mongo Bergthold discussed District plans.

The facility worked well and the attendees took advantage of the opportunity to network with many of their contemporaries. It may be possible to hold a second mini-leadership academy in late spring / early summer with a focus on membership, PR, program and show production. This is still in the thinking stages, and we will again plan to break even – no charge to the District.

As noted above the North East Chapters are involved in the mission and goal setting process for their individual chapters. I was able to weave the installation ceremonies around the Golden Circles which provide a framework for chapters to begin this process.

### **Chapter Information of Note:**

GVC will again be holding their Ice Cream Social in May and Youth Workshop in September. GVC will host Novice in Ripon this year (we are rotating Novice between North East and North West Chapters). I want to especially thank Bruce Sellnow for his long standing work on the high school quartet contest.

Reno worked with BHS to visit Reno High Schools with Trocadero during Midwinter. What a way to turn students onto Barbershop.

We have many first time officers in our chapters: Bob Stucky, president of the Placerville chapter; Art Baird, president of the Nevada-Placer chapter; Jeff Healion, president of the Reno chapter; Jim Maass, president of Voices of California chapter; Gary Halldorson, president of the Sacramento chapter; Harry Williams, president of the Stockton chapter. These individuals will be assisted by continuing chapter officers.

VoCal will hold their annual retreat in Mid-February and welcome Joe Cerutti as their weekend clinician.

Sacramento has been working with a local high school with Dan Warschauer and Rick Cram spending one day a week with the young men at the request of the ME. Members of the Capitolaire joined them on stage during the school holiday program.

Placerville continues their work with youth and the local schools and were invited to attend a pasta dinner put on by the Oak Ridge high school boys chorus. There was much singing and a follow-up invitation by the ME to join the chorus during class time during the school year.

Fresno and Davis-Vacaville are focusing on communication among members and recruitment of new members. Nevada-Placer hosted Masterpiece as their guest quartet at their Fall Show. What a thrill. Folsom continues to be very grounded on their mission and goals and it always a delight to attend their recitals. Stockton is probably one of the most active chapters in terms of community involvement and recognition in the community. I am astounded by the number of community activities in which they participate. Under the leadership of Mongo, the Chico chapter is moving forward with a huge emphasis on youth. They have a young director (student at Chico State and HC graduate), are now known as Sierra Sounds, and are on the upward ladder. Don Thomas, a longtime Chico member, continues to be a most valued member in supporting Mongo and the chapter.

This coming year my plan is to focus on working with each chapter on their member retention activities and if the chapters wish to contact members who have not renewed their membership to get a sense of why they have not renewed. In addition I want to increase my activities in promoting the District – areas in which the District can assist each chapter and District activities and resources. I have already had very positive feedback from chapters regarding the District asking them what would be helpful to their specific needs.

On a final note, Harmony Camp will be September 16-18, 2016 in Pollock Pines. Our quartets are Forefront and Newfangled Four; our clinicians are Gabe Caretto, Dean; Ron Black; Jim Halvorson; and Drew Wheaton (Tenor of Forefront). Last year Jim Halvorson taught a new class on Woodshedding, which was a wonderful success. We will continue that class this year. Many of the evaluations from the boys asked for a class on music theory so we will incorporate this as a new class. Six MEs joined us for all or part of the weekend in 2015 and



the round table with Don Rose. It is somewhat interesting to note that the majority of the MEs were band directors who have also assumed the choral director roles in their schools. And as a former band director, Don was spectacular in discussing their challenges and offering ideas and thoughts.

Our evaluation for Harmony Camp 2015 was submitted to Harmony Foundation and our grant application for Harmony Camp 2016 was submitted for which we received the funding we requested.

In our evaluation of Harmony Camp 2015 one of the things that hit me along side of the head was the commitment of volunteers to their individual barbershop experience after attending camp for the weekend. It is apparent to me that we are not only introducing youth to barbershop and the barbershop culture but we are re-energizing our current members. I made a commitment last year to bring a few new volunteers to camp each year with an eye to somewhat new barbershoppers. Our experience this year affirmed that this is a very positive endeavor. An additional benefit to bringing new barbershoppers to camp is that they ask questions – why are we doing it that way? Why not do it this way? I think we often get in a rut that if something is kind-of-working, we don't ever consider that what we are doing is getting stale and we don't even realize it.

We received some nice additions to the Lloyd Steinkamp Endowment Fund and are now at the \$25,000 level. I must admit that I have not spent much time on growing this fund but plan to do so in 2016. And we have some exciting news that we will be announcing soon regarding the Endowment Fund.

**Richard Lund**  
**District VP for the NE Division**





**John Bloomquist, Division 5 Vice President (Arizona)**

It always seems that I open my article with the same statement, and this edition is no different!

**What a GREAT TIME to be part of this awesome Arizona Division.**

Having just returned from the 2016 Mid Winter Convention in Reno, I am bursting my vest in pride.

This Division had such a huge impact and overall presence this year. A hearty Congratulations to our new **International Senior Champions, High Priority** from Arizona! They really brought it this year and were rewarded indeed. It was so exciting to see them take the stage with their personalities and perform with the musicality that reached new heights. Bravo Gents, it is an honor to call you all my friends and brothers! I look forward to seeing you in Nashville this summer to be rightly acknowledged as Champions.

Additionally, the **Chandler Mens Choir** along with the **Treblemakers** were stellar in their performances with the men scoring an Outstanding score and were edged out of first by and wonderful chorus from Hong Kong. **C'est La Vie**, the SAI Rising Star Champions from the Scottsdale Chorus represented AZ with charm and grace. Thanks Ladies.

A new youth chorus from Chandler, **Sounds of the Mouth**, grabbed a Superior rating in the youth contest and won the AA plateau. Great work guys and we look forward to hearing from you often at our AZ shows.

This year at Mid Winter, a preliminary college quartet contest was held too, and you guessed it, an AZ Quartet emerged as top qualifiers. Congratulations to **Eclectones!!** We look forward to seeing you compete in Nashville in the Youth Quartet Contest.

Many men from the AZ Division took the opportunity to sing in the **All Chapter Chorus** again this year. We were directed by Justin Miller and joined on the risers with the Westminster Chorus. What a thrill this was. I hope you all had an opportunity to watch the webcast for the contest and also the awesome Saturday night show.

Speaking of the Mid Winter convention, Congratulations to the Reno Chapter for their outstanding job in hosting this year's event. Great Job by all!

I have sent an email to the AZ Div. Chapter Presidents looking for input regarding your Chapter and its goals, and at this time, only 2 Chapters have responded in some form. Not much info yet.

As always, membership is consistently on the front burner. How many **Man Of Note** awards will YOU get for the year? Do it because you love singing and really just want to share the joy with as many men as possible! Simply ask, "where do you do your singing"? You will be surprised.

As I said before, it is GREAT to be part of this awesome Division!!!

John Bloomquist  
AZ Div. VP



## Ron Black, VP Contest & Judging

Far Western District  
 Director of Contest and Judging  
 Report to 2016 Spring FWD Board-HOD  
 March 18, 2016 – Las Vegas, NV

### 1. Participation in FWD contests 2010 - 2015.

Below are the total contest statistics since 2010. Contest participation in the Spring is strong, and the average score continues to go up. The Fall 2015 number of choruses went down mostly due to many Northern California and Nevada choruses not attending.

	Total Choruses	Total Ch Men	Avg Pts	Total Qt Men	Total Quartets	Avg Pts	Intl. Qualifiers (Fall Sr.)	Senior	Super Senior	College
<b>SPRING TOTALS</b>										
2015	32	866	67.3	212	53	67.2	7	12	3	3
2014	33	896	65.1	228	57	66.7	7	10	2	2
2013	31	931	65.1	224	56	67.3	4	12	1	5
2012	35	985	63.9	256	64	64.1	6	19	4	4
2011	30	705	64.7	248	62	63.9	4	22	6	1
2010	29	897	66.6	240	60	66.0	4	14	4	2
<b>FALL TOTALS</b>										
2015	16	548	72.2	92	23	68.7	3	6	n/ap	n/ap
2014	20	597	69.9	96	24	67.9	2	7	n/ap	n/ap
2013	24	804	67.8	84	21	64.8	1	7	n/ap	n/ap
2012	20	659	69.1	72	18	70.6	2	1	n/ap	n/ap
2011	19	632	68.3	80	20	67.1	2	6	n/ap	n/ap
2010	20	739	68.0	80	20	68.2	3	6	n/ap	n/ap

n/ap = not applicable

## **2. FWD/BHS Number of Judges (stats as of January 2016)**

	Certified Judge					2015 Candidates					
	<u>ADM</u>	<u>MUS</u>	<u>PRS</u>	<u>SNG</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>ADM</u>	<u>MUS</u>	<u>PRS</u>	<u>SNG</u>	<u>Total</u>	
<b>FWD</b>	6	7	3	7	23			1		1	24
<b>BHS</b>	40	41	36	33	150	13	9	10	12	44	194

## **3. Other information**

We are having 3 conventions this Spring.

This year's conventions are as follows **(including the deadlines for contest entry)**:

March 18-19 will combine the Southwest and Southeast Divisions with the International Quartet Preliminaries. The venue is the Alexis Park Resort in Las Vegas, NV. **Deadline for contest entry is February 19.**

April 2 will combine the Northwest and Northeast Divisions, location is still TBD. **Deadline for contest entry is March 5.**

April 15-16 will be the Arizona Division in Mesa, AZ. **Deadline for contest entry is March 19.**

We are very fortunate to be in the Far Western District, where we continue to have great conventions and contests, a large number of attendees and competitors, and a high level of performance.

**Respectfully submitted – Ron Black, DRCJ**



### **Craig Ewing, VP Music & Performance**

First let me thank the FWD for the opportunity to serve as your VP of Music & Performance. Thanks to Nick Papageorge for his many years in the position, for acting as the dean of Harmony College West 2016 and for his willingness to “show me the ropes”.

HCW was a great event at a fantastic hotel. Thanks to all the faculty ! We are blessed in the FWD with some of the finest musical educators. Excellent work by first-time HCW instructor Ryan Wisniewski. MASTERPIECE were great coaches, and always great champions of our art form. The weekend would not have been possible without Steve Salmons’ coordination with the hotel, and David Melville coordinating the on-line registration (a massive task as over half of the attendees decided to pay extra and register in the last week).

Having combined HCW with Leadership Academy, it is time to evaluate if the experiment was a complete success, if we should go back to HCW in the summer and hold regional Leadership Academy events, or some medley of the two.

We thought that we had no chapters take advantage of the chorus coaching program in 2015, but am excited that we have had two chapters that participated. I already have 2 inquiries about this program provided by FWD leadership to help our choruses musical advancement. I also hope to get more involvement in the CHAMPS quartet coaching program, CDWI (chorus director workshop intensive), and the SOP (standing ovation program).

I hope to meet those in the district that I don’t know yet at our upcoming Spring Convention and our division contests – let’s sing a tag or barberpole cat song !

**Craig Ewing**  
**VP Music & Performance**

## District Management Team



### Bryan Forbes, Events Chairman

#### **FWD Events Chair – Report to the 2016 Spring FWD Board-HOD, March 17-20, 2016 – Las Vegas, NV**

##### 2016 Division Convention Updates

Online registration for all spring conventions is live on the FWD website and registrations have been coming in over the last few weeks.

We have been experiencing problems with the hotel registration process for the Alexis Park Resort (SE/SW Division & International QT Prelims) as their link continues to disconnect. David Melville has posted new information, including a direct phone line to the resort, on the Convention page and instructed FWD members to call the hotel directly in order to secure their registrations. This process has been working well and we will continue in this fashion unless the hotel confirms that their system is functioning properly.

A walk-through occurred at the Alexis Resort with Contest & Judging, the Production team and members of the host chapter during Harmony College West and the Chapter Leadership Academy. This team walked the premises with the hotel staff and worked out the contestant flow and other set-up issues to ensure a great contest.

The NE/NW contest is secured at the Castro Valley Center for the Arts. I am finalizing contract terms with the venue and with the headquarters hotel, Holiday Inn Express, and should have both completed the first week of February. A walk-through has not been scheduled yet but will occur in February.

There are no known concerns regarding the Arizona Division Contest.

##### 2016 Fall District Convention

I have received a bid from the Brea Chapter to host the 2016 Fall Convention. The preliminary budget includes the following data:

Total Income:	\$75,925	Estimated Registration Count:	1,300
Total Expenses:	\$46,450		
Gross Profit:	\$29,475 <sup>1</sup>		

<sup>1</sup> Prior to allocation between the District and Host Chapter.

The registration count represents approximately 90% of the average attendance over the prior four years. It is a conservative estimate and considers that both The Westminster Chorus and The Master of Harmony will not be in attendance.

Considering the new processes that will be in place for the first time at the 2016 Fall Convention, I believe it practical to entertain this proposal from the Brea Chapter.

Consequently, I will be submitting this bid for your review and consideration at the upcoming Board meeting.

### Process Improvements

Over the last several weeks I have been working on FWD processes and forms. A brief explanation is noted below:

1. **FWD Financial Statements** (used to report budgets and actual data for contest & conventions)

After using the numerous budget templates housed on the FWD website I concluded it was time for improvement and consolidation. Current processes required the user to select from 9 different budget templates with 3 required for one contest (if used correctly). Having reviewed numerous submissions from several different contests I can state emphatically that not a single chapter was using these forms as intended. Further, because these files were not protected, users were free to modify formulas and cell contents in any way imaginable. As a consequence, data has been reported incorrectly and, even worse, reported using other means and bypassing them altogether.

After a few trial runs, I developed a single spreadsheet that captures all aspects of the original 9 spreadsheets. Thus, chapters will now be able to report financial information using just one file. Also, the worksheets in this file are protected and the user can only access fields for which data input is needed. Users will be able to click on drop down menus to select the specific contest type (e.g., NE/NW Division Contests, etc.) and then see the respective registration rates auto-populate into protected fields. Date fields have calendar windows for ease of input. It is my intent to give you a short demonstration on the use of this spreadsheet during the March Board meeting.

2. **FWD-Host Chapter Reconciliation Form**

After some discussion with Max Bates, it was clear that a reconciliation form was needed to account for revenue received by the FWD, revenue received by the host chapter, expense checks advanced to the host chapter and expenses paid directly to vendors by the FWD. A draft form has been developed and is currently under review. Once our review is completed and we have tested it on the spring conventions, we will make it available on the FWD website for use by host chapters so they can reconcile this convention-related data and use this form to properly report all revenue and expenses on the Financial Statement discussed in Item 1 above.

3. **FWD Expense Reimbursement Voucher**

Recently, I had cause to use the FWD reimbursement voucher and noted that there were multiple file types on the FWD website. In addition, I found these forms a bit antiquated and the layout a bit challenging. As a user of these forms I thought I would apply my form skills to create a more user-friendly document for all to use. Thus, I developed an interactive Adobe form that can be filled out online and simply transmitted via email to the FWD Treasurer. I have submitted them for review and comment to Max Bates and Gordon Berghold and am prepared to give you a demonstration at the March Board meeting should leadership wish to pursue its use.

## Convention Schedule

After the Fall Convention in Mesa, I was approached by members of the host chapter inquiring about the next rotation date for Mesa. The host chapter team wanted to make a change in this rotation since Mesa is not scheduled again until 2021. If memory serves, the request was to move Mesa to 2019 and then move the Sacramento Convention to 2021 (a switch of these two on the schedule). I've copied the schedule below as a reminder and would like to hear more feedback on this suggestion before acting on it.

**Table No. 1 – FWD Fall Conventions**  
(Proposed Rotation Schedule & Reservation Status)

Convention Date	Venue Date	City	Venue	Reserve Status	Contract Status
Oct. 15-18, 2015	Oct. 16-17, 2015	Mesa, AZ	Mesa Arts Center - Ikeda Theater	Reserved	Executed
Oct. 13-16, 2016	Oct. 14-15, 2016	Riverside, CA	Fox Performing Arts Center	Reserved	In Process
Oct. 19-22, 2017	Oct. 20-21, 2017	<b>Bakersfield, CA</b>	Rabobank Convention Center	Reserved	In Process
Oct. 11-14, 2018	Oct. 12-13, 2018	Fresno, CA	William Saroyan Theater	Reserved	In Process
Oct. 10-13 2019	Oct. 11-12, 2019	Sacramento, CA	Sacramento Memorial Auditorium	Reserved	In Process
Oct. 08-11, 2020	Oct. 09-10, 2020	<b>Bakersfield, CA</b>	Rabobank Convention Center	Reserved	In Process
Oct. 14-17, 2021	Oct. 15-16, 2021	Mesa, AZ	Mesa Arts Center - Ikeda Theater	Contacted	Call in 2017
Oct. 13-16, 2022	Oct. 14-15, 2022	Fresno, CA	William Saroyan Theater	Reserved	In Process
Oct. 12-15, 2023	Oct. 13-14, 2023	<b>Bakersfield, CA</b>	Rabobank Convention Center	Reserved	In Process
Oct. 17-20, 2024	Oct. 18-19, 2024	Sacramento, CA	Sacramento Memorial Auditorium	Reserved	In Process

## June 2016 Board Meeting

Arrangements are underway for the June 2016 Board meeting. Of course, the date will coincide with the Go For The Gold event in Fullerton. I'll be in touch in another communication regarding the confirmed date and hotel location. Once confirmed, look forward to an email from me with regards to your travel arrangements in similar fashion as last year.



### **Bill Rosica, Membership Chairman**

After many years of watching program on Recruiting and Retention roll out of Nashville and Kenosha, it seems to me that they were too complicated. I believe in making it as simple and easy as possible. My plan is simple: ***“Each One Bring One”. The result....We Won.***

The plan is to challenge each man in the chapter to bring in one new member by the end of the year. Just One! This allows each Chapter to concentrate on recruitment at its simplest level and not worry about following the rules set up by past programs. If we burden our members with ongoing large programs, we tend to lose focus.

Maybe a contest to reward the member who brings in the first new member of the year, or the most new members, or even the most guest brought in during the year. There are plenty of incentives that could be used.

Once the program begins, each Chapter would need to follow the “Retention” procedures I taught at Leadership Academy to make sure the new members don’t head out the back door. I can revisit that class at the Spring and Fall Conventions, if requested.

This program is a departure from the norm and I will change things up as the year progresses and will need assistance from the DVP’s.





**Jerry McElfresh, Marketing & Public Relations**

(No Report Required)



**Steve Salmon, CSLT**

(No Report Required)



**Bill Cale, Awards Chairman**

(No Report Required)



**Royce Ferguson, Director Development**

(No Report Required)

# House of Delegates Report - Spring 2016

## Now is the very best time to be a Barbershopper

It's true. Look around, and you'll see an explosion of interest in what we do and what we stand for.

- Barbershop is getting meaningful media coverage, including millions of YouTube views and major network coverage
- People are crazy about a cappella singing right now, with chart-topping albums, movies, TV shows and touring shows drawing audiences in the tens of thousands.
- Youth and educator interest is soaring thanks to [all of this attention](#)

More broadly speaking, people everywhere are craving those things we hold most dear: meaningful connections, a chance to make the world a better place. This is nothing new: but in a world fractured by increasingly polarized politics, and paradoxically isolated by technology that should draw us together, our simple equation of musical harmony = personal harmony is more appealing than ever. We hardly need to convince ourselves of this fact. We know that what we do produces JOY:

- the joy that comes from singing
- the joy that comes from joining together
- the joy that comes from genuine friendships
- the joy that comes from making a difference in people's lives.

## So, are YOU ready?

This is only meaningful if **YOUR CHAPTER IS THRIVING**. A growing Society is only growing if your chapter is growing. The Barbershop Harmony Society is heading in the right direction by creating a climate of success and making investments in chapter success in 2016.

The Healthy Chapter Initiative will help you help yourself

- **Leadership Operations Project Team**  
Chapter Assessment Model- this is a tool to evaluate the health and vitality of a chapter- we know it can look many different ways!
- **Dedicated Support for the Healthy Chapter Initiative**  
As part of Harmony Foundation International's support of the Healthy Chapter Initiative, a generous grant supports headquarters resources and a liaison to connect BHS headquarters to district and chapter leadership needs.
- **Trained facilitators & Revitalized District Leadership Academies**  
Curriculum at 2016 Harmony University/Belmont- the Leadership OPT plans to train multiple facilitators this summer to help deliver improved curriculum in the next cycle of Leadership Academies

For more information on how to get involved, reach out to [leadershipOPT@barbershop.org](mailto:leadershipOPT@barbershop.org)

## Chapter Delegate's Credential Form

Please Remove and Present to the DVP

### Chapter Delegate's Credential Form

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This will certify that the Delegate of the

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*(Chapter Name)*

Chapter [# D- \_\_\_\_\_] is

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*(Delegate Name)*

Signatures:

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Delegate  
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Chapter President  
*(Signature)*